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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Joseph S. "Joe" Schaler of Lincoln, who passed away on May 29, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Schaler was born to Walt Schaler Sr. and Catherine (Murt) Schaler in Indianapolis, Indiana on December 24, 1949; he served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1969, receiving a Purple Heart for his service; he married Melanie Boyer on December 31, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Schaler worked as a salesman at the Bankers Life and Casualty Company for many years before retirement; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Schaler was the founder and chairman of the Central Illinois Veterans Commission, an organization assisting veterans experiencing homelessness in the area; he was also active in the creation of Hope on 5th, a nonprofit organization providing counseling, emergency housing, and other services to the community; and

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WHEREAS, Joe Schaler was a member and prior commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 159, assisting in the accreditation of Illinois as a Purple Heart State; he

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1 was also involved with the American Legion, the VFW, the  
2 Patriot Guard, and Lincoln Christian Church, among others; and

3 WHEREAS, Joe Schaler was named Citizen of the Year by the  
4 Lincoln Courier in 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Joe Schaler wholeheartedly dedicated himself to  
6 those around him, leaving every community and person he met  
7 better off; his legacy will continue on through the lives of  
8 all those he positively impacted; and

9 WHEREAS, Joe Schaler was preceded in death by his parents;  
10 his wife; his son, Aaron Schaler; his brothers, Walt Schaler  
11 Jr. and Bob Schaler; and his sister, Margaret Schaler; and

12 WHEREAS, Joe Schaler is survived by his daughters, Sara  
13 (Sam), Emily (Aaron), Katie Schaler, and Clair Schaler; his  
14 grandchildren, Fletcher, Leona, and Wyatt; and several nieces,  
15 nephews, and cousins; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Joseph S. "Joe" Schaler and extend our sincere condolences to  
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
20 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to the family of Joe Schaler as an expression of our  
3 deepest sympathy.